

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

This is a Supplemental Notice of Allowance in response to the Amendment filed on 5/28/2008 under Rule 37 CFR 1.312. The amendment has been entered.

Claims 1-21 were previously allowed.

Claims 13-21 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-12 remain in the Application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-12 are allowed.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior arts of record taken alone or in combination fail to teach, anticipate, suggest or render obvious a method for testing an integrated circuit (IC) recited in the independent claims 1 and 7, as currently amended, including among other limitations, "storing the selected bit from the selected memory array in a component of the IC chip wherein an outcome of the ABIST test is determined based on the stored selected bit".

Consequently, Claims 1-12 are allowed over the prior arts of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES C. KERVEROS whose telephone number is (571) 272-3824. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jacques H. Louis-Jacques can be reached on (571) 272-4150. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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